

The current licensing structure does not need to be changed. What does need to be changed is the current morse code requirement for the Extra Class License. Instead of decreasing and/or eliminating the Morse Code, the requirement for Extra should be strengthened by increasing it to 13 WPM. The Amateur Extra class license is the highest license for Amateur Radio and should be represented by the highest standards. Amateur Radio is one of our strengths for our civil defense, HomeLand Security. Morse Code is a Key communications mode that is reliable when voice and digital is not. We within the Amateur communitiy should be standing up to the challenge, strengthening our proficiencies and Morse Code is Key to our strength. I do not support this petition.